Corporation of India Limited, in which he has stated the present capacity of production of electricity in the Nuclear area in the country to be 10,000 MW;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that Government have recently assessed the capacity of production of electricity in the nuclear field in the country; and

(c) if so, this assessment and the actual production in the year 2007-08?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) The correct statement made by Chairman and Managing Director, Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited was "the country has enough resources of natural uranium to support the operation of 10,000 MWe of Pressurised Heavy Water Reactors".

(b) and (c) The target for electricity generation in the year 2007-08 is 22714 Million Units (MUs). The production in the first seven months has been 10189 MUs. Based on current assessment, the target for the year 2007-08 is expected to be met.

Atomic Energy Sector

†419. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that five electricity generating units of Atomic Energy Sector functioning in the country have been closed simultaneously due to the non-availability of fuel;

(b) if so, the fact thereof;

(c) the details of the units that have been closed and the yearly requirement of fuel for their operation; and

(d) whether there is dependency on import in order to fulfil the fuel requirement of the said units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) No, Sir. Reactors are periodically shut down for various maintenance and inspection jobs as and when required.

(b) Not applicable.

(c) No reactors have been closed due to non-availability of fuel.

(d) No, Sir.

Hydro-power generation

420. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether dip in hydro power generation raises alarm bells as the share of hydroelectric capacity in the country's total power generation capacity has diminished over the last three and half decades from about 46 per cent in 1970, it dropped to 40 per cent in 1980, 29 per cent in 1990 and, again to just 20 per cent in 2007;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.